

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for use in a wall structure having an opening that is provided with a through conduit, said device comprising a housing, means for securing the housing to the conduit, said housing being of generally rectangular housing shape and having a rearwall defining an opening communicating with the interior of the conduit ~~adjacent said rearwall of said housing, and intumescent~~ intumescent materials provided in said rectangular housing, and clamping means provided in a side of said housing opposite the conduit, said clamping means defining a slot for the wires passing through the conduit and ~~the~~ through said housing, said wire clamping means serving to minimize the cross-sectional area occupied by the wires at ~~the~~ said side of said housing opposite the through conduit.

2. (Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said wire clamping means defines an elongated slot such that wires passing through the slot are arranged along side one another thereby, minimizing the cross-sectional area occupied by the wires contained in said slot.

3. (Original) The device according to claim 2 above wherein said housing is of metal material in order to minimize distortion due to heat.

4. (Original) The combination according to claim 3 above wherein said housing is formed integrally with said means securing said housing to said conduit.

5. (Original) The combination according to claim 3 wherein said means for securing said housing comprises a plate having a conduit opening to receive said conduit, said plate having bent tabs that are provided, with fasteners to clamp the plate to the conduit, and fasteners securing said housing to said plate.

6. (Currently Amended) The device according to any of the ~~preceding~~ preceding claims wherein said wire clamping means is formed integrally with said housing and is fabricated from metal to minimize distortion due to heat.

7. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 5 wherein said ~~intumescent~~intumescent material is molded to fit snugly in said housing and having a recess for receiving said conduit.

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 7 wherein said ~~intumescent~~intumescent material is of low heat transfer/conductivity.